

**THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOLTVILLE
CITY COUNCIL
March 26, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Holtville City Council was held on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. Council Members present were Colleen Ludwig, Bianca Padilla, Doug Byram, and Richard Layton. Staff members present were Laura Fischer, Pete Mellinger, Steve Walker, John Myers, Gerry Peacher, Justina Arce, Jack Holt and Denise Toth. Council Member Patrick Galliher was present for closed session and left after the consent agenda was approved. Fire Chief David Lantzer was absent.

CITY COUNCIL: CLOSED SESSION MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
Council adjourned into closed session at 5:32 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL: Meeting called to order

Mayor Colleen Ludwig called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

City Attorney Steve Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY CLERK RE: Verification of Posting of the Agenda

Denise Toth, City Clerk verified that the agenda was duly posted on March 21 with a supplemental agenda also being posted on March 22, 2007.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No reportable action was taken regarding the listed items.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Govt. Code Section 54956.9(b))
1 Matter

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Govt. Code Section 54956.9(a))
Milan vs. City of Holtville

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cassi Depaoli requested that the spelling of her name, and her sister Tricia's name, be corrected on the minutes for recent meetings. Cassi Depaoli inquired about the investigation into the injury of William Hogue who was injured on January 10, 2007. City Attorney Steve Walker stated that PERMA's investigator would be in Holtville some time this week conducting the investigation. Tony Royer addressed council and stated that he thinks it is sad that Council has not contacted the family to apologize for what they are going through. He addressed the family and stated that he will be supporting them for as long as he can.

Mr. Adolfo Garcia of 1601 Zenos Holtville, California stated that Officer Forney had attempted to "put his hands on him" on one occasion. He also stated that people are being "pulled over left and right" and said that the City is "gaining capital from officer's writing tickets".

Mr. Tony Ramos, an El Centro resident, wants Council to represent the City and he sympathizes with the Hogue family but knows that Council will do the right thing.

Mayor Ludwig addressed the public and the Hogue Family with a letter that she read regarding the matter concerning Mr. William Hogue.

Public Comments closed at 6:24 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting of March 26, 2007**
- 2. Current Demands #21439 to #21505**
- 3. Authorize the Fire Department to apply for two grants (regional and local) through the Department of Homeland Security's 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program**

A request for corrections to the minutes was made by Mayor Ludwig regarding her report. The changes were noted and the minutes were to be corrected. A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Galliher to approve the Consent Agenda, items 1-3, with changes to the minutes. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNIQUE:

4. City Manager Report

A written report was issued to Council by the City Manager. She also thanked the Burn Institute and the Red Cross for all of the help that was given to the little boy that was injured in a trailer fire a couple of months ago. The little boy was home from the hospital and was given the opportunity to tour the fire station.

a. Introduction of New Finance Manager

Rosa Ramirez was introduced to Council as the new Finance Manager. Ms. Ramirez gave the Council a brief bio of herself and was welcomed by the Council.

5. Planning Commission Report –Justina Arce, City Planner

A written report was issued to Council by the City Planner.

Council Member Richard Layton reported that he attended a street repair tour that was very informative. He saw first hand how streets were repaired. He also informed the City Manager and council that he liked the employee/council roles news article that had been included in the City Manager's report with Council Packets.

Council Member Doug Byram reported that he was a part of history, according to the L.A. Times Newspaper, witnessing the landing of the new Air Bus at Los Angeles International Airport.

Mayor Colleen Ludwig reported that she had attended the Holtville City Slickers Fundraiser breakfast on Friday, the 23rd. She thanked staff for participating and gave an even bigger thanks to Ex-Mayor Brittsan for his contribution to the cause. Ex-Mayor Brittsan donated and cooked all of the scrambled eggs that were served at the fundraiser. She also appreciated the newspaper coverage of the Soups and Sweets in which she said Council Member Layton's parents were pictured. Mayor Ludwig noted that Mr. Charlie Garcia, of Holtville and Kurt Banner were responsible for saving a man's life. Mayor Ludwig also recognized the Progress for publishing several pictures of young people in Holtville and commended them for showing the positive things that people do in Holtville.

Gerry Peacher Public Works Manager reported that his department has been and will continue cleaning up the public works yard. Also, the new automated pool sweeper has been installed at the swimming pool and is doing a great job.

Police Chief John Myers stated that there was an accident where a vehicle hit a tree and that the driver had passed away from causes not related to the accident. Chief Myers also reported that he attended a dinner where Sgt. Thomas Ray was honored as Officer of the Year.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

None

CONTACTS BY DEVELOPERS/BUSINESS LOANS:

6. City Manager Report

A written report was issued to Council by the City Manager.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

7. Discussion/Related Action regarding the positions of Deputy City Clerk and City Clerk being filled by the same individual – City Manager, Laura Fischer

A motion was made by Council Member Byram and seconded by Council Member Layton to approve the proposal to advertise to fill the Deputy City Clerk and the City Clerk position to be filled by one person. The motion carried unanimously 4-0.

8. Discussion/Related Action regarding RESOLUTION 07-14 regarding the SECOND READING and adoption of ORDINANCE #453 an Ordinance of the City of Holtville, approving the boundary modifications and zone changes to the Official Zoning Map – City Manager, Laura Fischer and City Planner, Justina Arce

This item was opened as a Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m. and a motion was made by Council Member Padilla and seconded by Council Member Layton to waive the 2nd reading and adopt ORDINANCE #453. All members present were in favor and the motion carried 4-0 in the form of a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

9. Discussion/Related Action requesting a representative of the City of Holtville be appointed to serve on the Imperial Valley Association of Governments Special Committee – City Manager, Laura Fischer

Council Member Padilla volunteered to be appointed to the Imperial Valley Association of Governments Special Committee Meetings. The City Manager was directed to prepare a letter to IVAG Regional Council nominating Ms. Padilla as the City's representative to serve on the Special Committee. The motion carried unanimously 4/0.

10. Discussion/Related Action authorizing the City Manager to attend the Government Finance Officers Association Annual Conference – City Manager, Laura Fischer

A motion was made by Council Member Ludwig and seconded by Council Member Padilla to authorize the City Manager's attendance to the Government Finance Officers Association Annual Conference. The motion carried unanimously 4/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

11. Discussion/Related Action regarding construction of a commercial water fill station at the Water Treatment Plant Facility – Gerry Peacher, Public Works Manager

A motion was made by Council Member Layton and seconded by Council Member Byram to move forward with the construction of a commercial water fill station at the Water Treatment Plant Facility and to bring back cost estimates to concrete the filling station area. The motion carried unanimously 4/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

12. Discussion/Related Action to waive the first reading of Ordinance Number 455 regulating conduct of registered sexual offenders within the City of Holtville – John Myers, Police Chief

A motion was made by Council Member Padilla and seconded by Council Member Byram to introduce and waive the first reading of ORDINANCE 455. Council Member Layton discussed the possibility of mailing out notices to all affected persons. Members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously 4/0 in the form of a roll call vote.

INFORMATION ONLY:

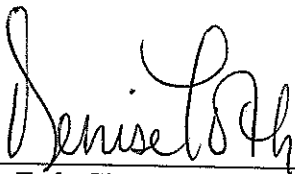
13. Information Only regarding the alley grading and improvements to the swimming pool and The HUT – Gerry Peacher, Public Works Manager
Information only; no action taken

14. Information Only regarding the City of Holtville annual report to the California Integrated Waste Management Board – Public Works Manager, Gerry Peacher
Information only; no action was taken.

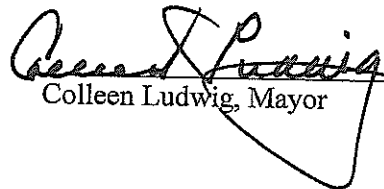
15. Information Only regarding the Holtville Police Department Bicycle Rodeo – John Myers, Chief of Police
Information only; no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the City Council, a motion was made by Mayor Ludwig and seconded by Council Member Byram to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



Denise Toth, City Clerk



Colleen Ludwig, Mayor